

## Subject: God the Only Cause and Creator

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#### **Golden Text:**

Ps 75: <sup>1</sup> We thank You, O True God. Our *souls are overflowing with thanks!* Your name is near; *Your people remember and tell of Your marvelous works and wonders.*

#### **Responsive Reading:**

Ps 40: <sup>5</sup> You have done so many wonderful things, had so many *tender* thoughts toward us, Eternal my God, that go on and on, ever increasing. Who can compare with You?

Ephesians 2: <sup>10</sup> For we are the product of His hand, *heaven’s poetry etched on lives*, created in the Anointed, [Christ] Jesus, to accomplish the good works God arranged long ago. <sup>20</sup> You are being built on a *solid* foundation: *the message* of the prophets and *the voices* of God’s chosen emissaries [apostles] with Jesus [Christ], the Anointed Himself, the *precious* cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> The building is joined together *stone by stone—all of us chosen and sealed* in Him, rising up to become a holy temple in the Lord. Eph 3: <sup>14</sup> It is for this reason that I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> after whom all families in heaven above and on earth below receive their names, *and pray:* <sup>16</sup> *Father*, out of Your *honorable and glorious* riches, strengthen Your people. Fill their souls with the power of Your Spirit <sup>17</sup> so that through faith [Christ], the Anointed One will reside in their hearts. May love be *the rich soil* where their lives take root. May it be the bedrock where their lives are founded *so that together* <sup>18-19</sup> with all of Your people they will have the power to understand that the love of [Christ], the Anointed is infinitely long, wide, high, and deep, surpassing everything anyone previously experienced. God, may Your fullness flood through their entire

beings. <sup>20</sup> Now to the God who can do so many *awe-inspiring things, immeasurable things*, things greater than we ever could ask or imagine through the power at work in us, <sup>21</sup> to Him be all glory in the church and in Jesus [Christ], the Anointed from this generation to the next, forever and ever.

#### **Section 1**

1. Isa 45: <sup>5</sup> I am the Eternal One; there is no other God but Me, and even though you don’t know Me, I am preparing you *for victory*.

2. Ps 104: <sup>24</sup> There is so much here, O Eternal One, so much You have made. By the wise way in which You create, *riches and creatures* fill the earth. <sup>30</sup> When You send out Your breath, life is created, and the face of the earth *is made beautiful* and is renewed.

#### **Section 2**

3. Isa 40: <sup>5</sup> *The Lord will be, really be, among us.* The *radiant* glory of the Lord will be revealed.

All flesh together will take it in. *Believe it. None other than God*, the Eternal, has spoken.

4. Gen 1: **God:** <sup>3</sup> Let there be light. And light flashed into being. <sup>4</sup> God saw that the light was *beautiful and good*, and He separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God named the light “day” and the darkness “night.” Evening gave way to morning. That was day one. **God:** <sup>26</sup> Now let Us conceive *a new creation—* humanity—*made* in Our image, *fashioned* according to Our likeness. And let Us *grant* them authority over all the earth—the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, the domesticated animals and the *small* creeping creatures on the earth. <sup>27</sup> So God did *just that*. He created humanity in His image, created them male and female.

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5. Job 32:<sup>8</sup> It is the spirit in a man, *not age*, and the breath of the Highest One [Shaddai] *within him* that lends understanding.

#### Section 3

6. Job 33:<sup>4</sup> God’s Spirit has fashioned me and the breath of the Highest One [Shaddai] imparts life to me.

7. Jer 1:<sup>4</sup> ... the Eternal One *first* spoke to me: <sup>5</sup> **Eternal One:** Before I even formed you in *your mother’s* womb, I knew all about you. Before you drew your first breath, I had already chosen you to be *My prophet to speak My word* to the nations.

8. Isaiah 43: **Eternal One:** *Remember* who created you, O Jacob? Who shaped you, O Israel? *See*, you have nothing to fear. I, *who made you*, will take you back. I have chosen you, named you as My own. <sup>5-6</sup> So don’t be afraid. I am here. I will reunite you with your children, bringing them back from wherever in the world they are—East, West, North, or South. *No place will be able to hold you when I demand your release*, when I order them, “Bring *My children*—My sons and daughters—from far away. <sup>7</sup> Bring the ones who are called by My name; the ones I made, shaped, and created for *My profound glory*.”

9. Ps 145:<sup>10</sup> *All creation will stand in awe of You*, O Eternal One. Thanks will pour from *the mouths of* every one of Your creatures; Your holy people will bless You.

#### Section 4

10. Jer 2: The word of the Eternal came to me again.

<sup>11</sup> Has a nation ever exchanged its gods *for some others*, even if they weren’t really gods in the first place? But *My beloved people have done just that*: they have exchanged their glory to pursue worthless idols in their vain attempt for greater prosperity. <sup>13</sup> My people are guilty of two evils: They have abandoned

Me, the spring of living waters; *And instead, they have settled* for dead and stagnant water from cracked, leaky cisterns of their own making.

11. Gal 3:<sup>3</sup> Are you so foolish? Do you think you can perfect something God’s Spirit started with any human effort?

12. Isa 45:<sup>8</sup> Skies above, open up and let the clouds rain down righteousness! Let the earth below sprout triumph and justice. For I, the Eternal, have created them. <sup>11</sup> So the Eternal One, who is the Holy One and Maker of Israel, says, **Eternal One:** *Are you really going to question Me* about what will happen to My children, or lecture Me about what I should do with the ones I made with My own hands?

13. Isa 40:<sup>26</sup> Look at the myriad of stars *and constellations* above you. Who set them to burning, *each in its place*? Who knows *those countless lights* each by name? *They obediently shine*, each in its place, because God has the great strength and strong power to make it so.

#### Section 5

14. Ps 138:<sup>8</sup> The Eternal will finish what He started in me. Your faithful love, O Eternal One, lasts forever;

15. Ps 86:<sup>7</sup> When times of trouble come, I will call to You because *I know* You will respond to me. <sup>10</sup> For You are great, and Your works are wondrous; You are the one True God.

16. John 12: **Jesus** (*crying out before the people*):

<sup>44</sup> Anyone who believes in Me is not placing his faith in Me, but in the One who sent Me here. <sup>45</sup> If one sees Me, he sees the One who sent Me. <sup>46</sup> I am here to bring light in this world, freeing everyone who believes in Me from the darkness *that blinds him*.

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**17.** Matt 8: <sup>14</sup> Jesus went to Peter’s house, and there He saw Peter’s mother-in-law lying in bed, sick and burning up with a fever. <sup>15</sup> Jesus touched her hand, and *then she was healed*—the fever vanished. She got up from bed and began to wait on Him.

#### Section 6

**18.** Matt 9: <sup>35</sup> Jesus went through many towns and villages. He taught in their synagogues. He preached the good news of the kingdom of God. He healed every disease and sickness. <sup>36</sup> Whenever crowds came to Him, He had compassion for them because they were so deeply distraught, malaised, and heart-broken. They seemed to Him like lost sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> *Jesus understood what an awesome task was before Him, so He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest to send more workers into His harvest field.”*

**19.** Matt 10: Jesus called His twelve disciples to Him. He endowed them with the authority to heal sickness and disease and to drive demons out of those who were possessed.

**20.** Luke 9: **John:** <sup>49</sup> Master, we found this fellow casting out demons. He said he was doing it in Your name, but he’s not one of our group. So we told him to stop. **Jesus:** <sup>50</sup> *What?* No! Don’t think like that! Whoever is not working against you is working with you.

**21.** Luke 10: The Lord then recruited and deployed 70 more disciples. He sent them ahead, in teams of two, to visit all the towns and settlements between them and Jerusalem. <sup>17</sup> *When the 70 completed their mission and returned to report on their experiences, they were elated. **Seventy:** It’s amazing, Lord! When we use Your name, the demons do what we say!*

**Jesus:** <sup>18</sup> *I know.* I saw Satan falling from above like a lightning bolt. <sup>19</sup> I’ve given you true authority. You can smash vipers and scorpions under your feet. You can walk all over the power of the enemy. You can’t be harmed. <sup>20</sup> But listen—that’s not the point. Don’t be elated that evil spirits leave when you say to leave. Rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

#### Section 7

**22.** Rev 3: <sup>7</sup> ... “These are the words of the holy One, the true One, and the One who possesses the key of David, which opens *the possibilities* so that no one can shut them. The One who closes *all options* so that no one can open: <sup>8</sup> “I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door, which no one can shut.

**23.** Acts 5: <sup>12</sup> *Those were amazing days*—with many signs and wonders being performed through the apostles among the people.... <sup>17</sup> *Of course, this popularity elicited a response:* the high priest and his affiliates in the Sadducean party were jealous, <sup>18</sup> so they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. <sup>19</sup> But that night, a messenger of the Lord opened the doors of the prison and led them to freedom. **Messenger of the Lord:** <sup>20</sup> Go to the temple, and stand up to tell the people the whole message about this way of life *from Jesus*. <sup>21</sup> At dawn they did as they were told; they returned to their teaching in the temple.... <sup>34</sup> but Gamaliel, a Pharisee in the council respected as a teacher of the Hebrew Scriptures, stood up and ordered the men to be sent out *so the council could confer privately*. **Gamaliel:** <sup>35</sup> Fellow Jews, you need to act with great care in your treatment of these fellows. <sup>38</sup> So here’s my advice: in this case, just let these men go. Ignore them. If this is just another movement arising from human enthusiasm, it will die out soon enough. <sup>39</sup> But then again, if God is in this, you

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won't be able to stop it—unless, of course, you're ready to fight against God! <sup>42</sup>And constantly, *whether in public*, in the temple, or in their homes, they kept teaching and proclaiming Jesus as [Christ], the Anointed One, *the Liberating King*.

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